

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Their decision to air this show is not an example of journalism that should be permitted based upon their license to broadcast.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This company never should have been permitted to purchase as many stations as they have for just this reason. But when large companies control the airwaves, they can also effect our elections to an extreme amount. This is not democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Their next renewal needs to be scrutinized closely and not based upon \$\$\$ contributed to the Republican Party. Thank you Brenda Bradt